THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) The decision to vacate spectrum for cellular operator is made on a case to case basis after ensuring that the Defence requirements are fully met and are not affected adversely.

Permission to IAF Pilots to go on deputation

2599. SHRI DARA SINGH:
SHRI RAM DAS AGARWAL:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to aHow Air Force Pilots to go on deputation in Government run airlines;

if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

what will be the period of deputation indicating whether it will be on a rotational basis;

how many pilots left the Indian Air Force between the period 2002 and 2005 indicating the total strength of pilots/vacancies lying vacant at present; and

whether Government have examined that there would not be any shortage of IAF Pilots after going on deputation to Government Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) and (e) Yes, Sir. The requests received for deputation to various Government organizations including state owned Airlines are considered individually on merits after ensuring that such deputations do not affect the operational preparedness of the Indian Air Force (IAF).

(d) The number of pilots^who have proceeded on deputation to various Government organizations during the years 2002-2005 is 143. Theauthorized strength of pilots in the Indian Air Force is 3269 and the actual current strength is 3015. The number of posts lying vacant at present is 254.

Attack on fellow colleagues by soldiers

2600. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:
SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is **a** fact that due to stress, fatigue, and anxiety, soldiers are turning their guns towards their colleagues;

if so, the details thereof indicating the num her of such cases reported during the last 2-3 years;

the reasons therefor; and

the steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) to (c) There have been some isolated incidents of Army personnel shooting at fellow soldiers during last three years. The yearwise details are as follows:

Year	Soldiers running amok
2004	06
2005	06
2006 (as on 01 May 2006)	02

These isolated incidents are due to interaction of various factors including stress. However, it would be wrong to assume that the troops are facing any fatigue.

(d) Rigorous military training from the recruitment stage and inculcation of espirit de corps makes a soldier less vulnerable to stress. Instructions have been issued to sensitise Commanders at ail levels to the feelings and needs of the troops. Timely and positive response to their requirements and unit sentiments are encouraged.

MiG-21 aircrash in Barmer, Rajasthan

2601. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

whether another MiG-21 aircraft crashed in barmer District of Rajasthan on 21st March, 2006;

the findings of the statutory inquiry held In the crash and the action taken thereon; and

the number of Indian Air Force aircrafts, category-wise, destroyed due to accidents during 2005, and so far during 2006?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes, Sir.